

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons:

1. Amendments to Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to correct the informality noted in item 1 on page 2 of the Official Action, and to include the limitations of original claims 2 and 4. The subject matter of original claim 4 (which depended from claims 1 and 2) is indicated as allowable in item 5 on page 4 of the Official Action.

2. Rejections Under 35 USC §103(a)

These rejections have been rendered moot by the amendments to claim 1.

Having thus overcome each of the rejections made in the Official Action, withdrawal of the rejections and expedited passage of the application to issue is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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